



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 90**

February Session, 2014

House Bill No. 5294

*House of Representatives, March 25, 2014*

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through REP. HENNESSY of the 127th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS STATUTES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 27-102m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

3 The commissioner, in his or her discretion, shall investigate all  
4 complaints made to [him] the commissioner with respect to the  
5 conduct or treatment of veterans, their spouses, or eligible dependents  
6 and family members receiving services under this chapter, or any  
7 program administered by the department and for such purpose shall  
8 have power to compel the attendance of witnesses under oath. If upon  
9 the completion of such investigation, the commissioner finds that any  
10 veteran, spouse or eligible dependent has not received proper care or  
11 has been ill treated or abused by any officer or employee, the  
12 commissioner shall, in his or her discretion, cause the offender to be  
13 prosecuted, disciplined or dismissed and shall order such remedial  
14 action as [he] the commissioner deems necessary to eliminate the

15 condition. If upon such investigation, the commissioner finds that no  
16 adequate grounds exist for such complaint, the commissioner shall  
17 certify that fact to the officer or employee involved and cause such  
18 officer's or employee's record to be cleared of the incident.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	27-102m
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**VA**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill makes technical gender neutral changes to the statutes regarding the Department of Veterans' Affairs and does not result in a fiscal impact.

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**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 5294**

***AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE DEPARTMENT  
OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS STATUTES.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill makes technical changes to the veterans' statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/11/2014)